

Today's News - Thursday, March 6, 2008

Not good news for the displaced of New Orleans. – Better news for NOLA as Historic Green: New Orleans launches, and funds arrive for rehab of affordable units. – The challenges facing going green in Dubai. – Massive project in Crete claims it will be green to the extreme (not all are convinced). – Great cities: five success stories. – King's take on four proposals for San Francisco's northeast waterfront. – Litt has high hopes for a tattered Cleveland neighborhood (but design could be better). – Columbia, Maryland, seeks its center. – India owes much of its construction boom to a "clutch of foreign architects." – Richard Rogers' vision for London. – A look at Ottawa's skyline (and why can't it be better?). – Not all are pleased with approval of skyscraper plans for Reading, U.K.'s Station Hill. – Ditto for skyscraper plan in Downtown Lexington, Kentucky. – Denari on being part of NYC's "laboratory for architectural invention." – London's new Silken Hotel is "all about pure, non conformist structural engineering." – A "black hole" in architectural education: the art of writing. – AIA 2008 Education Honor Award winners.

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[Half New Orleans Poor Permanently Displaced: Failure or Success? ...displacement of tens of thousands of people is now expected to be permanent because there is both a current shortage of affordable housing and no plan to create affordable rental housing....](#)- CommonDreams.org

[Historic Green: New Orleans: March 8-23...students and young professionals will...help the people of the Lower 9 revitalize their community...an unprecedented opportunity to integrate sustainable practices with preservation of a place.](#)- Historic Green

[\\$1 Million Grant Awarded to NHP Foundation for New Orleans Rehabilitation: Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation \(LDRF\) Provides Grant for the Construction and Rehabilitation of Nearly 500 Affordable Units \[pdf\]](#)- NHP Foundation

[The cost of going green: Can the construction industry comply with local environmental law while coping with the pressure of rising costs and inflation?](#)- ArabianBusiness.com

[UK developer plans vast resort on fragile coast: Golf courses and marina in £800m Crete development. Ecologists warn of huge damage to remote area...7,000-bed development planned by Minoan Group on 10 square miles of...Sidero peninsula ...backed by Forum for the Future... -- Barr Gazetas; Whitelaw Turkington Landscape Architects; Arup; Aspa Design](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Bold Moves, Brave Actions: Great cities don't just happen...five success stories from five continents: Melbourne; Zurich; Bogota; Hong Kong; Indianapolis \[images\]](#)- Project for Public Spaces (PPS)

[Giants' development idea best of 4 proposals...being reviewed by the Port of San Francisco...it's the best fit with the emerging northeast waterfront. By John King -- SMWM/Beyer Blinder & Belle/Hargreaves Associates; C.Y. Lee Architects/Patri Merker Architects; WRT/Solomon E.T.C.; Jon Worden/Jim Jennings/Stamley Saitowitz/Peter Pfau/David Meckel \[images\]](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Upper Chester plans are exciting, but design for first building still needs work: Plans for the 100-acre development show how a tattered Cleveland neighborhood could be transformed... By Steven Litt -- Paul Volpe/City Architecture \[images\]](#)- Cleveland Plain Dealer

[Looking Past Columbia \[Maryland\] For Its Center: Developer Hires Planner Who Worked in Beijing -- Alan Ward/Sasaki Associates](#)- Washinton Post

[Foreign hand behind India's realty boom: From your neighbourhood mall to the Rain Forest Resort...the country's construction sector owes a bit of its success to a clutch of foreign architects. -- Andrew Scott; Jimmy Lim; Forrec; Bentel Associates International; Omiros One International; Associated Space Designers; Terry Farell; P K Das; Hafeez Contractor; Bobby Mukherjee; Sannon and Sen architects](#)- Sify (India)

[Richard Rogers talks about his aspirations for London: Design for London's London Open City exhibition opens at Somerset House, London, today...has produced a preliminary document to its public-space strategy... \[video, link to excerpt\]](#)- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Beautiful fragments and sterile towers: A look at Ottawa's skyline: The efforts of these two firms prove that it is possible to design great buildings in this city, which raises the question of why there are so few to be seen. -- Moriyama and Teshima Architects; CORE Architects](#)- The Fulcrum (University of Ottawa)

[Skyscraper plans given go-ahead: Reading's Station Hill...borough council's planning committee approved plans to redevelop the area and build six new tower blocks...Cabe said it had "significant reservations" about the scale of the project. -- Scott Brownrigg; Chapman Taylor; Whitelaw Turkington \[links\]](#)- BBC News

[CentrePointe's Place in Downtown Lexington: Sizing up the project - Concerns swirl over plans for 40-story skyscraper...stirred debate beyond whether to preserve a dozen historic buildings on the block... -- Sherman-Carter-Barnhart Architects](#)- Herald-Leader (Kentucky)

[One small footprint and one giant leap: UCLA's Denari, for his first free-standing project, sees a tapering tower in New York...the area around the High Line...has become a laboratory for architectural invention...clearly is relieved to have his first free-standing building after years of doing additions, interiors and conceptual designs... -- Neil Denari; Frank Gehry; Polshek Partnership; Steven Holl; Jean Nouvel; Diller Scofidio + Renfro- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Made to Measure: Designing London's Silken Hotel is all about pure, non conformist structural engineering -- Foster + Partners; Buro Happold- New Civil Engineer \(UK\)](#)

[Artful Writing: Well-crafted words complement well-drafted images: ...one black hole in architecture education demands transformation: Too many architecture students can't write.- The Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

[AIA Announces the 2008 Recipients of Education Honor Awards for excellence in course development and architectural teaching.- American Institute of Architects \(AIA\)](#)



[-- Steven Holl Architects: Sliced Porosity Block, Chengdu, China](#)
[-- Neil Denari Architects: HL23, New York City](#)

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